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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your child is scheduled to take the ACCESS for ELLs assessment between February 8, 2021 and February 12, 2021. This assessment measures your child's progress in listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills. Later this spring, your child will receive an Individual Student Report that provides information about how well he or she is progressing in the English (ESOL) program.

This is a State mandated test (Rule 6A-6.09021) that is administered via paper/pencil. The ACCESS for ELLs assessment results allow schools to place students in the appropriate classes and to withdraw students from the ESOL program if they demonstrate proficiency of the English language in four modalities, which include speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Parents of students registered as My School Online (MSO), will be advised of the specific date(s) and time that your child will need to report to the school to take this assessment.

Students testing that are MSO will arrive at school no later than 7:30 AM. Upon arrival they will check in with security and head directly to the testing lab. A mask must be worn at all times.

Students will adhere to safety protocols by ensuring social distancing when in the hallways and when testing. Tables will be wiped down daily after testing. All students should bring their own #2 Pencils for testing.

Please review the following policies with your child before testing:

■ **Electronic Devices**—If your child is found with ANY electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, at any time during testing OR during breaks, his or her test section will be invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave electronic devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.

■ **Leaving Campus**—If your child leaves campus before completing a test section (for an appointment, illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test section. If your child does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on the make-up day.

To learn more about ACCESS for ELLs a helpful *Parent Handout* is available exclusively online

(<http://fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/access-for-ells.stml>) under Assessment

Resources in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. A. Alamo at 305-926-8080.

Thank you for supporting your child as he or she prepares for the test.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alina Díaz-Blanco, Principal

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